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26. (Currently Amended) A stack of hangers for framing material, comprising:
a plurality of hangers, each having a web extending between a pair of legs, which legs extend outwardly from the web in a direction substantially perpendicular to the web,
and a barbed member extending out from each leg; and
one or more shearable tabs extending between, and attaching, adjacent ones of the plurality of hangers.

27. (Currently Amended) The stack of hangers of claim 26, wherein each leg has a shoulder surface spaced apart from the web, and the barbed member extends out from each respective leg adjacent the shoulder surface.

28. (Original) The stack of hangers of claim 27, wherein an opening is disposed between adjacent hangers within the stack.

29. (Original) The stack of hangers of claim 26, wherein the tabs each have a feature that facilitates shearing of the tab.

30. (Original) The stack of hangers of claim 26, wherein the hangers are oriented within the stack such that legs of the hangers within the stack are substantially aligned along a single line.

31. (Original) The stack of hangers of claim 26, wherein the hangers are oriented such that the webs of adjacent hangers within the stack are substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other.